

# THE MORNING NEWS

Your Source for local news in English Caya G.F. Betico Croes 111 T. 588-9517 F. 5889518.

## The Melson clan is back at the Tamarijn for their annual family reunion on Aruba



Ron and Marie with Francis Ridderstap

ORANJESTAD -- Ron and Marie Melson of Cincinnati, Ohio discovered Aruba 33 years ago, and it has been their annual vacation destination ever since. However, with a good-sized family spanning four generations, it has become more than just a winter getaway, it is their favorite spot to reunite with children, grandchildren and

great-grandchildren that are scattered across the U.S.

"We can't think of a better place for a family reunion," cites grandson Tim Broxterman, who is especially enjoying a break from horrid Michigan weather. Granddaughter Amy and her husband Richard are also enjoying balmy breezes with their daughter, the youngest

in the clan, Chloe, plus some tranquility after the hustle and bustle of Washington, D.C. Ron and Marie's daughter, Ann, and her daughter, Allison, are rounding out this year's family gathering in the tropics.

Meeting in Aruba annually when they are able has become a tradition since ten years past, when Ron and Marie brought all their family together (three children and four grandchildren with their spouses,) to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aruba. All of them loved the island and consistent weather, but particularly the warm, congenial Aruban people, exemplified by the staff at the Tamarijn Resort.

One of those is their long time friend, Francis Ridderstap, Leisure Services Manager at the Tamarijn. "With such charming and good-natured people as the Melsons and their family," he said, "it is easy to develop a friendship that goes beyond employee/guest. We consider these lovely people to be part of our Divi/Tamarijn 'family,' and look forward hosting their family reunions every year."

By Rosalie Klein

## Budget

- Quality vehicles; economy and compact cars, intermediate and four-wheel drives with air conditioning.
- Attractive daily & weekly rates.
- Free hotel pick up & drop off.
- Courteous on-time service.

Offices at:

Airport: 5:00 am to 11:00 pm

Hotel: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Camacuri: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tel. 582-8600 • Fax. 582-7212

E-mail: budgetaruba@setarnet.aw • www.budgetaruba.com

"AN INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED BUDGET SYSTEM LICENSEE"

## US Republicans to mull immigration path this week

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Republicans will lay out principles on immigration policy this week at a party retreat, as they debate whether to address the lightning-rod issue ahead of November's congressional elections.

On the day after President Barack Obama's Tuesday night State of the Union speech, the 232 Republicans in the House of Representatives will seclude themselves at a resort on Maryland's Eastern Shore to thrash out policy guidelines for 2014.

The debate comes as congressional aides acknowledge that some Republicans will push for an overhaul of the country's outdated immigration laws that includes a pathway to legal status for many of the 11 million people living in the shadows.

The aides told The New York Times that the party's proposal would stop short of extending citizenship to adults illegally in the United States, although Republicans would back a path to citizenship for those illegally brought to the country as children.

Republican leaders have acknowledged the need for immigration reform, citing the party's low support among a growing Hispanic community.

But they have stressed

they will proceed piecemeal rather than allowing a single grand reform bill to pass, while passing separate laws to address issues like improving border security.

They are also sensitive to concerns raised by party conservatives that legalizing undocumented immigrants is akin to amnesty.

"House leadership is about to roll out a set of immigration principles reportedly including an amnesty for illegal aliens, and presumably will follow up with a push to pass them through the House," the prominent conservative journal the National Review wrote.

"The correct course is easy and eminently achievable: Do nothing" on immigration, the Review said, and instead focus on battling against Obama's troubled health care reform law.

Last year's landmark bipartisan Senate bill offered the most comprehensive immigration overhaul in a generation, boosting border security, reforming visa rules and providing a 13-year pathway to citizenship for millions.

But the Republican-led House refused to take it up, despite calls from some business groups, which lean Republican but support immigration reform as a way to boost the economy.





**Hours:**  
 8am - 10pm ish Sunday-Thursday  
 8am - 3am ish Friday & Saturday  
 Phone number 586-3904

**- All you can eat pancakes \$6.99**

**- 2 Eggs & Toast \$4.99**

**Coffee or Tea**  
 Unlimited Refills - \$0.79

**5 Burgers Aruba**  
 Burgers, Fries.. & More!

**Across from Radisson Resort**  
**The Hi-Rise Hotel District**

**FREE Wi-Fi**

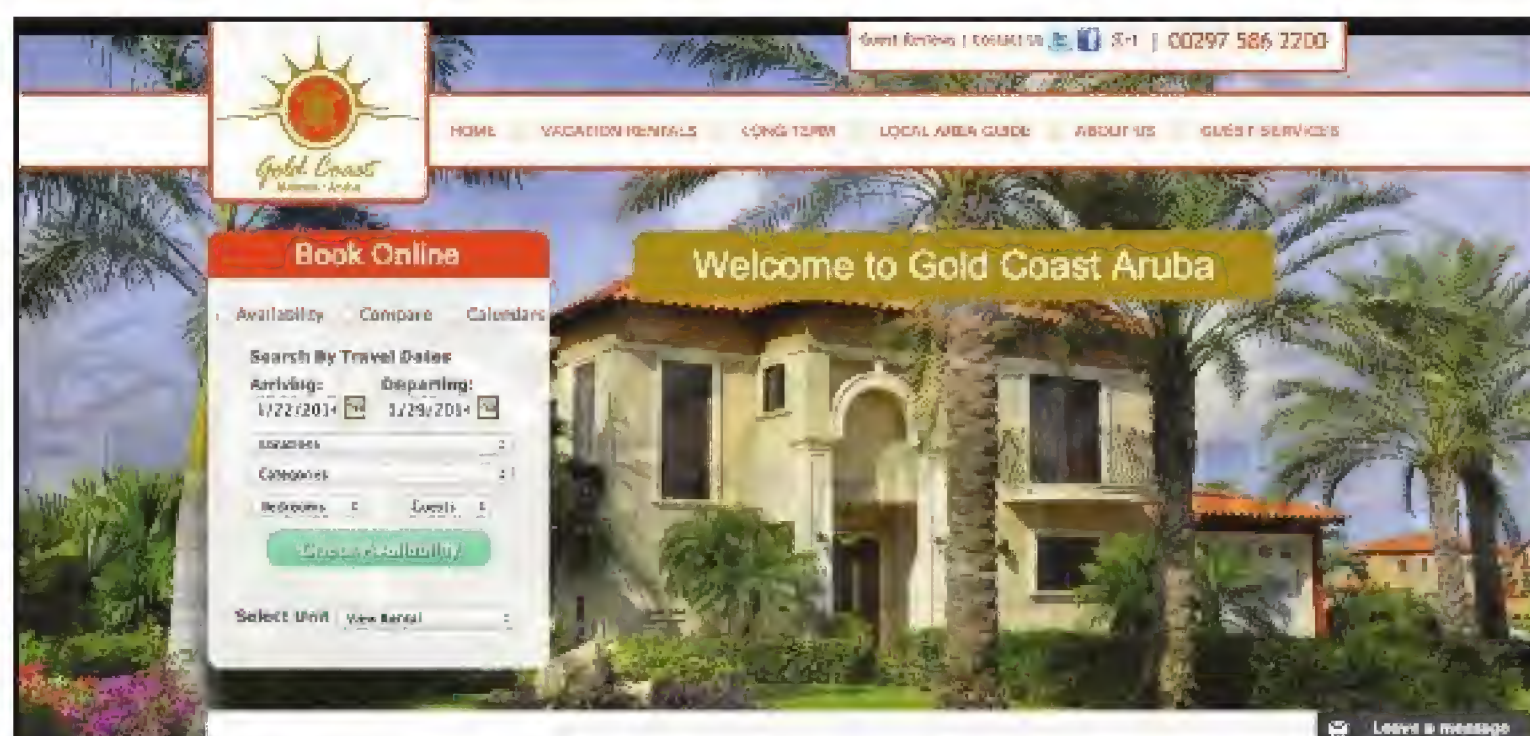
**NOW Serving Breakfast lunch and dinner seven days a week.**

**"Delivery to most hotels & beaches"**





## Residential community Gold Coast delivers WOW factor 200% rental increase, brand new website, expanded services



New website Gold Coast



Entrance residential community Gold Coast

**PALM BEACH** - Gold Coast, Aruba's newest resort-style residential community in Malmok, is on the move and making a positive mark with enhanced guest services, increased bookings of their rental homes and the recent launch of a brand new website.

Guests of Gold Coast now have the option to choose from a wide variety of special

requests and services, in addition to housekeeping and laundry services.

Prior to their arrival all Gold Coast guests can arrange for services that will definitely deliver a wow factor and provide for an extraordinary stay in Aruba. These new services include pre arrival grocery shopping, the request for an In-house chef, server, bartender or but-

ler, personal laundry, in-house massage, a personal trainer, Spa treatments and babysitting services.

Marketing efforts of the Gold Coast residential community were also enhanced with the recent launch of a brand new website: [www.arubarentalsvacation.com](http://www.arubarentalsvacation.com). Functionalities of this new website include a chat room where guests can immedi-



Community pool area

ately reach out with their questions to a Front Office staff member of Gold Coast. The website also features an easy-to-use booking engine for direct bookings of the Gold Coast condos, townhouses and spacious villas.

Lastly, Gold Coast shares its results of the third quarter of 2013. Compared to the same time last year results show a 200% increase in rental business of their condos, townhouses and villas. In addition the occupancy at the rental homes in this residential community also in-

creased by 200% compared to the third quarter of 2012. Construction activities are still ongoing at Gold Coast and it is to be expected that their magnificent growth will be doubled again next year.


Future expansion includes the construction of a Gold Coast Clubhouse. This multi-purpose Clubhouse will feature 2 tennis courts and large community pool, a convenience store, business center, restaurant, Spa and state of the art Fitness Center. The Gold Coast Clubhouse is to be completed in 2014.

**Taj Mahal**  
 Taste of India

Authentic Indian Restaurant on the Island

Open Mon - Sat  
 Lunch : 12:00 - 3:00pm  
 Dinner : 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Havenstraat 36,  
 Behind Royal Plaza Mall,  
 Oranjestad, Tel : 5884494







## EVERYONE'S A WINNER!

IT'S FREE! • EVERY WEDNESDAY • AT 7:00PM

### OVER \$1,500 IN FREE SLOT PLAY & CASH PRIZES!

Join us for our "No Losers" Slot Tournament, when everyone who plays is guaranteed **\$10 IN FREE SLOT PLAY**.

Plus, the top 5 winners will receive great cash and free play prizes!

See the Top Advantage® Club for more information. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate. Management reserves all rights. Play responsibly [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org).

TROPICANA ENTERTAINMENT CASINOS | TROPICANACASINOS.COM



**TROPICANA.**  
ARUBA RESORT & CASINO

## ATSA inaugurates new board at New Year's party



As per tradition, the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA) installed its new Board during its recent New Year's Party, which is held at a different venue each year on the second Saturday of January. This year, timeshare resort general managers and their spouses and partners gathered at the popular White Modern Cuisine restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza to inaugurate the New Year and the new ATSA Board while enjoying a very animated and delicious, five-course menu prepared by Chef Urvin Croes and his staff.

Outgoing ATSA President Jan van Nes expressed his satisfaction with 2013 accomplishments and thanked all members for their comradeship and usual excellent

cooperation. "We trust that 2014 is going to be as good as the past year and, in passing on the gavel, I wish our new and former ATSA President Andy Osbourne an equally productive year," he commented.

Jan also thanked Aisa van der Biezen, who stepped down as ATSA's Secretary, for multiple years where she did a sterling job and has now taken up a new career challenge as Property Manager at Blue Residences. Appreciative thanks were also extended to new partners of the ATSA personalized Directory of Services, Rona Coster and Tina Escobedo, who in record time produced wonderful publications that will be used as in-house magazines in ATSA-member resorts.

The new ATSA Board for 2014 consists of Andy Osbourne - President, Freddy Albertus - Treasurer, Jan van Nes - Secretary and Jurgen van Schaik - Director. Andy Osbourne and Joe Najjar expressed words of thanks to the outgoing President upon which the gastronomical fest began and continued until midnight.

ATSA is an Association that works on behalf of the timeshare community on the island.

## Aruban Parliament is unanimous on new law

ORANJESTAD -- Just recently, the Minister of Finance, Juan David Iraisquin received the complete support of Parliament for a new law regarding "accountability taxes and community insurance premiums."

On the 20th of January the Minister presented this law. He indicated that they want to ensure that each citizen, company and institution who are required to pay taxes, complies with this obligation. The law he stated is intended to protect the employees of employers who do not comply with paying taxes and premiums.

"Now the government is going to concentrate to see to it that everyone who has to pay tax complies, this way avoiding for others to pay more tax unnecessarily," said Min. Iraisquin.

The preparation of this law dates back to 2008. Various adaptations have been made to the initial proposal so as to comply with all rules before being submitted to Parliament. The law was unanimously approved by all members of Parliament.

One amendment to the law presented by the AVP fraction, which was also accepted, is that there will be time allotted for everyone to adapt to the new law as it may go into effect on the first of June this very year.

This new law entails three important aspects:

1. Personal Accountability. This means that the primary employer/contractor

will be accountable by law if his subcontractors does not comply with payment of the Taxes and premiums to the Tax Department.

2. Companies that make use of the Temporary Employment Bureaus are accountable for the paying of taxes and premiums of the services they purchase.

3. The Director of companies are personally ac-

countable for the compliance of the payment of taxes and premiums as prescribed by law.

The Minister explained that the government not only wants everyone to pay their taxes, but the Tax Department must also have the instruments to function optimally and this new law provides those instruments.

### Early Bird Menu

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



**Appetizers:** Stuffed Avocado, Escargots Bourguignon, (choose one) Fruits of the Seven Seas, Choices of Soups

**Entrees:** Breaded Grouper topped with coconut shrimps served with rice and vegetables

**Land & Sea**  
Chicken Breast, Steak & Shrimps with rice and vegetables

**Breaded Chicken Breast**  
served with mushroom sauce, topped with cheese served with vegetables and stuffed potato

**Twin Tenderloin or Chicken Parmesan**  
served on a bed of linguini pasta

Dessert, Coffee or Tea

**US\$27**

(tax & 15% service charge)

Includes one FREE  
Glass of Wine



Buccaneer Restaurant - Gasparito 11, Noord  
phone: (+297) 586 6172 - [www.buccaneeraruba.com](http://www.buccaneeraruba.com)



# Tumberito Festival 2014 was dedicated to Lionel Croes



ORANJESTAD – Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval, or SAC, the Aruba Carnival Foundation, is the organizing committee for the Children and Youth Tumberito Festival, which took place last Friday, January 24. Every year SAC dedicates the festival in honor of a bastion of Carnival. This year, the honor goes to Lionel "Rupi Rupi" Croes. SAC President Tecla Kelly presented Mr. Croes with a special plaque, honoring him for his years of dedication and support to the festival.

Lionel Croes began singing at a very young age, in 1984, when his mother, Lilian (Shi Preke), made him compete in a Ranchera festival. He won first prize. In 1985, his uncle, Chinto Croes, composed a tumba for him to sing and compete in the the Children Tumba Festival. It was titled, "E Pato di Carnaval" - the Carnival Duck, and Lionel won the Children Tumba crown.

In 1986, Lionel competed with the song "Ta Mi ta e Guy" - "I am the Guy" and won the first finalist title.

After that he went to the Netherlands and in 1989, represented Aruba in a Tumba Festival with the same song "I am the Guy," which was adapted by Antillian musicians. He won first prize, a

grand accomplishment, taking into account that he was a juvenile among all the adult singers.

In 1989, Lionel returned to Aruba. On February 2, 1990, he participated in a Youth Tumba Festival with the song "E Trein di Carnaval" - The Carnival Train, again taking first place.

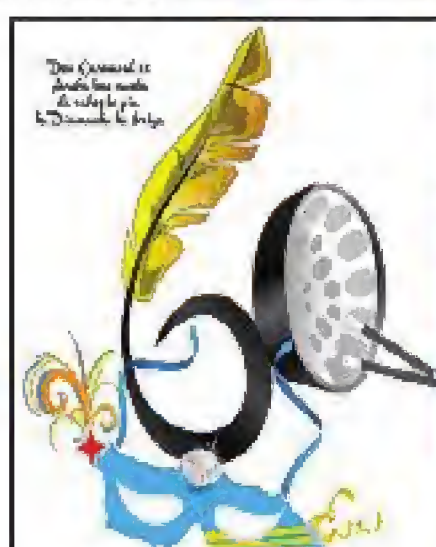
After that victory he competed in several Tumba Festivals and now, thanks to his teacher, Harry Zimmerman, Lionel composes his own tumba songs.

His first composition was "Carta pa La Reina" - Letter for the Queen, followed by many compositions for Tumberito Festival singers and even Tumba Festival singers.

Lionel's motto is: "If you cannot do something right...then don't do it."

He dedicates a lot of time and enthusiasm to his songs, the words and tunes. According to Lionel, if he feels comfortable and sure that his song can touch a heart, then he is sure that his song will win.

SAC thanks Lionel Croes for his unfailing support and hopes that this honoring serves as a stimulus for him to continue helping kids and the youth to compete in the Children and Youth Tumberito Festivals in the coming years.



## Aruba's 60th Carnival Children Carnival Queen Election is Friday, January 31st



1. Jolly Wizz Kids



2. Pierewietje



3. San Nicolas



4. Champagne Group



5. Dakota



6. Sta. Cruz



7. Little Groovers



8. T.O.B.



9. Oranjestad/Companashi



10. Noord

This Friday, January 31, 10 pretty little girls will compete for the Children Carnival Queen title.

They are: candidate nr. 1, Alysa Brete - Jolly Wizz Kids; candidate nr. 2, Zairey Colmenares - Grupo di baile y canto Pierewietje, candidate nr. 3,

Cherry-Ann Martes representing the district of San Nicolas, candidate nr. 4, Xendrah Blanco - Champagne Group, candidate nr. 5, Jayna Alavarez representing the district of Dakota, candidate nr. 6, Jada van Heyningen representing the district of Sta. Cruz, candidate nr. 7, Shakienne Coffi - Little Groovers, candidate nr. 8, Jeanylaine Boekhoudt -

T.O.B Carnival Group, candidate nr. 9, Shegayli Asencion representing the district of Oranjestad/Companashi and candidate nr. 10, Thamara Vrolijk representing the district of Noord.

The event will take place at the Aruba Entertainment Center and starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the SAC office.

**Sasaki**  
Apartments



Fully furnished studio apartments, walking distance to Eagle Beach, per day, week or month, excellent alternative for your next vacation in Aruba.

**Bubali #143, Noord, Aruba**

**Phones: (297) 587-7482 / 587-6474 Fax: (297) 587-8448**

[www.sasaki-apartments.com](http://www.sasaki-apartments.com)

E-mail: [sasakiapartments@hotmail.com](mailto:sasakiapartments@hotmail.com)



## Aruba's National Library receives a copy of "Moon Handbook Aruba"



BNA Director Britten and Author Rosalie Klein

ORANJESTAD -- The Director of Aruba's National Library (BNA) was very pleased to receive a copy of the recently published "Moon Handbook Aruba" authored by THE MORNING NEWS Report Rosalie Klein.

This essential guide to the island, which focuses on out of the way, independent accommodations, dining and authentic island events, is the specialty of Moon Handbooks, which are aimed at "the adventurous and budget-minded."

The guide hit bookshelves across the United States and Canada in December of last year, including Barnes and Noble. It is also available from all major Internet book-sellers, like Amazon.com

At first glance, Librarian Ronny Alders deemed it "Fantastic!", particularly commenting on the gorgeous graphic layout, punctuated by Ms. Klein's more than 130 photographs that illustrate the book. It is 250 pages, with a

Papiamentu phrase book, a complete background of the island, and essential information for getting around, aside from descriptive lists of restaurants, resorts, guest-houses, shopping and interesting sights. The first 32 pages of the book are color plates with Ms. Klein's photos that showcase the natural beauty and many native attractions of Aruba. It is the practice of Moon Handbooks, part of Avon Travel Books, a member of the Perseus Publishing Group of New York, to contract a resident writer of a destination, so as to provide a more thorough insider's look at their subject.

Library management expressed a "wish for all the success in the world with this new Aruba book with valuable information for the international travelers," and hope to obtain more copies to make available to library members.



### Taj Mahal Taste of India

Authentic Indian Restaurant  
on the Island

Open Mon - Sat  
Lunch : 12:00 - 3:00pm  
Dinner : 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Havenstraat 36,  
Behind Royal Plaza Mall,  
Oranjestad, Tel : 5884494

# Do it Center

## Shopping Night

*Diakaebs*

*30 Jan 2014*

*Habri te ca 8:00pm*

Pa tur bo material di Carnaval

Cu Youth X-treme live di 6pm-8pm

y oportunidad pa compra T-shirt pa

Lighting bike parade

## Youth X-treme

*Youth! Youth! Youth! X-treme!*

## 18 Customs employees promoted to Chief Customs Officers



Recently Aruba's Customs Department celebrated Customs Day. In celebration of this day Minister of Finance Juan David Irausquin, accompanied by Interim Director of Customs Julian Lopez Ramirez and other members of the management team was honored to present 18 customs employees with their promotion to Chief Customs Officers. The new Chief Customs Officers are: Lillian Albertus; Arlinda van der Biezen; Mildred Croes; Profilio Croes; Adries Hijmering; Carol Hodge; Alexander Geerman; Riley Jansen (No presente); Johan Lopez; Ryan Lopez; Giovanni Nicolaas; Jessica Rivero; Marlon Ruiz; Jason Schmidt; Aileen sierra; Ivan Werleman; Roland Wernet and Oliver Wever.



## Peru begins implementing new maritime border with Chile

### Chile-Peru ocean dispute

The ICJ in The Hague hands Peru a wedge of sea under Chilean sovereignty



LIMA (AFP) - Peru began the process of mapping its maritime holdings Tuesday, one day after the UN's top court handed it a victory, amending its maritime border with Chile.

The move came as the Chilean Senate described the decision as "arbitrary" and lacking "any legal basis," during a special session held to analyze the scope of the measure.

The Hague-based International Court of Justice confirmed Chile's sovereignty over waters up to 80 nautical miles (92 land miles, 148 kilometers) from the coast Monday but handed Lima a large swathe of less lucrative ocean beyond that limit.

"The Navy of Peru began mapping work, after learning of the Hague ruling on the delimitation of the maritime boundary with Chile," cabinet chief Cesar Villanueva said Tuesday.

"We've got to do a lot of

checking and coordinating but not necessarily negotiating or forming commissions" with Chile, Villanueva said, concerning the process.

Chile says the ruling means that Peru's claim to a 200 nautical mile territorial sea limit is no longer valid and must amend its laws to reflect that.

While Peru would have exclusive economic rights out to 200 nautical miles, Chile says it would have freedom of movement in waters beyond the UN-set 24 nautical mile territorial sea limit.

Villanueva said that Peruvian law "must merely be adjusted without there being a need for issuing special rules."

Judges drew a line from a point 80 nautical miles off Chile's northern border running southwest into the Pacific until it reached almost 200 nautical miles of Chile's coast, handing Peru the part of the ocean north of the line.

# IT'S TIME FOR THE BOSS

HUGO BOSS

# SALE!

SALE GOING ON NOW!

*"If I fall on the way,  
Grab the flag and continue with the battle"*

Gilberto François "Bético" Croes

HUGO BOSS

Emmastraat 3, Plaza Margarita, Phone 588-5406  
Open Monday through Saturday 9:30am - 6:30pm

## Deadly rainy season leaves 41 dead in Bolivia

LA PAZ (AFP) - Bolivia President Evo Morales declared a state of emergency on Tuesday to assist victims of the country's deadly rainy season, which has claimed 41 lives and left 20,000 people homeless according to provisional figures.

Morales' office issued the declaration in a move which

will mobilize funds, resources and troops to help those worst affected over the five-month period.

On Saturday, torrential rain triggered a landslide in the town of Rurrenabaque, a popular tourist spot north of La Paz, killing 10 people.

The government has not released official toll totals

for the rain-related deaths. But local media have tallied 41 dead this season.

In Morales' home region of Chapare, authorities said 11 rivers have burst their banks this week alone.

Bolivia's rainy season spans five months, starting in late September.

## Yanukovych calls Biden on dramatic day in Ukraine

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovych called Vice President Joe Biden on Tuesday in their second conversation in as many days as his country's political showdown reaches a pivotal point.

The call took place after Ukraine's prime minister and entire government resigned and parliament scrapped anti-protest laws in the biggest

concessions yet to opposition protesters.

The new contact between the White House and Kiev also came on a day when Russian President Vladimir Putin warned foreign nations against interfering in the politics of ex-Soviet states.

The White House said that Biden welcomed "progress made today" in Ukraine and called on Yanukovych to sign

the repeal of several anti-protest laws passed on January 16 laws without delay.

"These include an amnesty law and a new government that can bring political unity, win the confidence of the Ukrainian people, and take Ukraine in the direction of Europe by strengthening democratic institutions and making the reforms necessary to achieve economic prosperity."

**tandoor**  
the Indian Grill house

**Lunch Buffet**  
Saturday - Sunday  
12:00 - 3 p.m.

**Dinner**  
Monday - Sunday  
6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Palm Beach Center - Palm Beach Aruba - Tel: 5860944



## Bon Dia and Welcome to Aruba!

The Residences are exclusive luxurious full ownership condominiums nestled within the lush greens of The Links at Divi Aruba golf course, offering you the choice of luxurious: Studio, One, Two, Three and Four Bedroom Condominiums. Our 4 Bedroom Condominium offers 5 full bathrooms, and an occupancy capacity for 10 - 12.

Whether you're a first time visitor to the island, or you vacation in Aruba every year, we invite you to enjoy one of the most memorable vacation destinations of your life. We are the Divi Resorts and Aruba has been our home for over 40 years.

Divi Resorts has 5 resorts in Aruba, in addition to The Links at Divi Aruba golf course, and the Alhambra Casino Shops & Restaurants. For years we've offered high quality all inclusive and timeshare vacations. Many of our guests have found that one vacation to Aruba per year is simply not enough! Our solution: The Residences at Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort.

You can now purchase your own condominium and still enjoy the Resort amenities of the Divi collection.

For more information about The Residences, visit our Sales Office located in the Golf Clubhouse at the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort. For questions or to schedule your appointment to view a condominium:

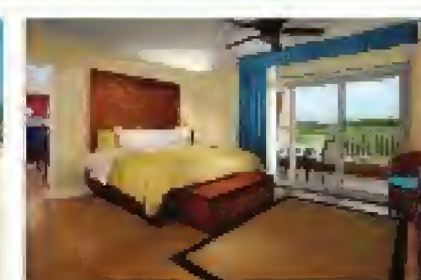
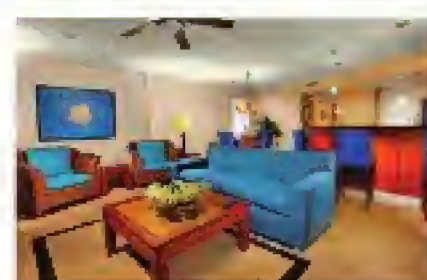
Call +297 735 5252 or +297 735 5300

E: [sales@diviarubaresidences.com](mailto:sales@diviarubaresidences.com)  
W: [www.diviarubaresidences.com](http://www.diviarubaresidences.com)

Make your second home Aruba!



Full and Outright Ownership



3 bedroom BC  
182.6 sq. m. /  
1964.7 sq. ft.

4 bedroom South Wing | 274.2 sq. m. / 2950.3 sq. ft.



### AMENITIES:

- Shaded parking space with electrical outlet
- Complimentary shuttle to beach, restaurants, and the Alhambra Casino and Mall
- Membership with RCI vacation exchange program
- Complimentary use of fitness center
- Complimentary use of beach chairs
- Beach towels service
- 24/7 Security
- Garbage collection
- Green keeping
- Condo Liaison on duty
- Discounted green fees
- Complimentary use of driving range
- Preferred tee times
- Divi managed rental program

## 'Shocking' Salvation Army abuse claims in Australia

SYDNEY (AFP) - Children were sodomised with a garden hose, locked in outdoor cages and savagely beaten by Salvation Army majors in graphic cases of abuse detailed Tuesday to an Australian inquiry.

A Royal Commission into child sexual abuse in Australia began hearing evidence into allegations of abuse at four Salvation Army homes for children between 1966 and 1977, which counsel assisting the inquiry Simeon Beckett warned would be "shocking to many".

"The abuse that is to be detailed before the Royal Commission in the course of this case study is likely to be disturbing and at the severe end of sexual abuse," he said in his opening address.

The investigative commission was established by former prime minister Julia Gillard in response to a series of child sex abuse scandals involving paedophile priests, though she insisted the probe would be much broader than the Catholic Church.

It is examining allegations

of child sexual abuse in places of worship, orphanages, community groups and schools.

Beckett said that at the homes run by the Christian Salvation Army, "boys were frequently punched by the officers with closed fists, thrown on the ground with force or up against a wall" or caned and whipped with straps until they bled.

"One boy had his shoulder dislocated by an officer during a punishment which involved hitting his testicles with a leather strap. Two boys were locked in cages on a verandah," he said.

Beckett said corporal punishment and sexual abuse were frequent. One boy was punished after running away by having a "hose (inserted) into his anus" and "was placed in a cage on the home's verandah for a week" after complaining that another boy was abusing him.

"When he was released from the cage he was forcibly sodomised by (a) major," Beckett said. "Forced to eat their own vomit"

Other boys had detergent forcibly poured down their throats, were burned with cigarettes, or were forced to eat their own vomit, and one was dragged from his bed at night and raped by Major Lawrence Wilson -- described by colleagues as a "brutal and evil man".

According to Beckett the Salvation Army has paid out Aus\$1.2 million (US\$1.05 million) to date to Wilson's victims. He died in 2008.

Wilson would conduct a daily "sick parade" in which he would single out boys to be physically inspected in private and sexually assault them.

Sexual abuse at one children's home called Bexley was widespread, not only by Wilson but also among the boys who lived there, Beckett added.

"In addition other Salvation Army officers and staff abused residents, as did members of the public. These persons had access to the boys' dormitories at night and would access the dormitories and sexually assault the boys," Beckett said.

## Human remains found after Australian croc attack: reports

SYDNEY (AFP) - Police reportedly found human remains Tuesday in the search for a 12-year-old boy snatched by a crocodile in northern Australia, and scaled back operations to a body recovery mission.

Police would not go into details but acting commander Michael White said they had found "evidence within the search area which strongly indicates the boy has died from the crocodile attack."

"Further DNA testing will be conducted to confirm the identification," White said.

Local media reports said the "evidence" cited by White was human remains.

Police on the scene said the operation had now entered a "search and recovery" stage following confirmation of the boy's death.

Three crocodiles have been shot and cut open under a shoot-to-kill order for any crocodile larger than two metres sighted around Mudginberri Outstation, which is about 200 kilometres (120 miles) east of Darwin in the

Kakadu National Park.

The boy was taken while swimming with friends in the Mudginberri Billabong on Sunday. A second boy, aged 15, managed to fight the creature off and received three stitches for deep bites on his right arm.

His wounds led rangers to estimate that the animal responsible for the attack was between two and three metres long.

The attack has rocked the small Mudginberri community of about 50 people who live outside the mining town of Jabiru.

The attack has sparked calls for a crocodile cull by the local indigenous people, the Mirarr.

Saltwater crocodiles can grow up to seven metres long, weigh more than a tonne, and are a common feature of Australia's tropical north.

Their numbers have increased steadily since the introduction of protection laws in 1971, with government estimates putting the population at 75,000-100,000.



## Lab-dish advance against MERS virus

PARIS (AFP) - Chinese scientists said Tuesday they had identified a compound that, in lab dish experiments, blocks infection by the deadly Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) virus.

A type of small protein, also known as a peptide, prevents the spikey virus from fusing with human respiratory cells, they said.

Fusion is a key step in replication of the virus. It enables the virus to infiltrate a cell and hijack its cellular machinery in order to reproduce.

The peptide, called heptad repeat 2 (HR2P), has "good potential" for development into a future drug against MERS, it says.

So far, HR2P's effects have only been studied on cells in a lab dish and not yet on animals -- the next step in a long process to validate any new drug for safety and effectiveness.

The first case of MERS surfaced in Saudi Arabia April 2012.

It is considered a more virulent but less transmissible cousin of SARS, a so-called coronavirus that erupted in Asia in 2003 and infected 8,273 people, nine percent of whom died.



selling now...  
**20**  
exclusive condominiums



224 J.E. Irausquin Blvd.  
Oranjestad • Aruba

297.287-5300

297.732-0000

sales@O-eaglebeacharuba.com  
www.O-eaglebeacharuba.com

## Australian charged over genital mutilation of baby

SYDNEY (AFP) - An Australian man appeared in court Tuesday charged over the genital mutilation of his nine-month-old daughter in Indonesia, where police allege she was circumcised.

The child was taken to Jakarta for the procedure between February and March of 2012, according to documents tendered Tuesday in Sydney's Manly Local Court.

The incident didn't come to light until six months later, when the infant's mother took her to the doctor, the court was told.

She allegedly had her clitoral tissue removed and underwent a labial fusion, according to police documents in the case.

Her father, who has not been named for legal reasons, was arrested in December and charged with aiding, abetting or procuring female genital mutilation.

He is on bail and will return to court in March. It is only the second case of female genital mutilation to be brought before the courts in New South Wales.

Australian authorities say the practice, while often conducted in secret, is more common than the number of reports and prosecutions would suggest.

While no official data is available to measure the extent of the practice in Indonesia, it is common in the country of 240 million people, according to aid agencies.

## China's human H7N9 bird flu cases pass 100 in January

BEIJING (AFP) - The number of human cases of H7N9 bird flu in China this month has passed 100, according to an AFP tally, as the worst-hit province ordered live poultry markets in major cities to be closed.

H7N9 cases and deaths dropped significantly after the end of June last year but have spiked recently with the onset of winter.

So far this month there have been 102 cases in mainland China, including 22 deaths, according to an AFP tally of reports by local authorities.

In the whole of last year, China had 144 confirmed cases including 46 deaths.

The H7N9 human outbreak began in China in February 2013 and reignited fears that a bird flu virus could mutate to become easily transmissible between people, threatening to trigger a pandemic.

But there has been no evidence so far of sustained human-to-human transmission, say both Chinese authorities and the World Health Organisation.

More than half of this month's deaths, 12 fatalities, have been in the eastern province of Zhejiang, where state media said Tuesday live poultry markets would be permanently closed in major

cities.

Live poultry markets are common in China and elsewhere in Asia, and present an ideal environment for virus spread between birds held together in very high concentrations.

Such facilities will be closed in major cities and affected smaller towns in Zhejiang for three months by February 15, and permanently in major cities from July 1, the Zhejiang Daily said, citing authorities.

It said the "painful" measure was being taken as part of efforts to combat the disease.

## Prescription wearers to get Google Glass



NEW YORK (AFP) - Google's Internet-connected eyewear Glass is coming to people who need prescriptions to correct their vision. New spectacles from Google's design team will be compatible with corrective lenses and, thanks to a collaboration with a private insurer, may get some reimbursement from health plans. The tech giant unveiled a partnership with US vision insurer VSP to make prescription Glass and to reimburse some of the costs under health benefits. The new frames will sell for \$225, and in some cases users can get reimbursed under their health plan, according to Google. That does not include the \$1,500 price for Google Glass, which is in a test phase with a small number of "explorers" ahead of a wider release sometime this year. VSP president Jim McGrann said his firm provides cover to 64 million customers -- one in five Americans -- and would help train and certify retailers as well as reimbursing policy holders.

**REMEMBER  
to**



**Buckle  
up**



BRING THIS AD TO RECEIVE A FREE ORANGE JUICE

**Breakfast** *Romancing the Stone at*  
**\$9.99** **Le Petit Cafe**  
 MONDAY THRU SATURDAY 8-11 AM  
 2 EGGS (FRIED, SCRAMBLED OR POACHED)  
 WITH BACON, AND LINK SAUSAGES.  
 POTATOES, TOAST AND COFFEE OR TEA.

*Also open for*  
**Lunch**

**Stone Grill Restaurant & Bar Every Day From 5-7pm**

Dinner Salad or Soup of the day	Lemon chicken Breast or Petite Filet Mignon or Filet of Grouper	Ice Cream Chocolate or Vanilla
---------------------------------------	---	---

All served with French Fries or Baked Potato on our Famous HOT Stone

LOCATED AT:  
 PLAYA LINDA  
 BEACH RESORT  
 TE: 586 4046

**Dinner**  
**\$24.95**  
 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

*Restaurant*

## The art of Franco Koolman now adorns the walls of Aruba's Monument Foundation



The artist's most work is a large piece dedicated to the spirit of Carnival, and holds a central spot in the display. All the paintings are for sale, ranging in price from \$185 to around \$385, with the tribute to Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival priced at \$1000.

The artist's most work is a large piece dedicated to the spirit of Carnival, and holds a central spot in the display. All the paintings are for sale, ranging in price from \$185 to around \$385, with the tribute to Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival priced at \$1000.

The work of the Monument Foundation is to rescue and restore many of Aruba's important landmark structures, along with the Monument Bureau. The foundation also manages those that have been restored, using the collected rents to continue their work. Most of the buildings contain government offices, but they are now venturing into a number of projects by partnering with private interests, who wish to refurbish their landmark properties authentically.

Monument Foundation Director Anne Witsenburg de Jong expressed the hope that such exhibits and art openings will become a regular event on the foundation's agenda. Franco Koolman stated he would willingly replace pieces that are sold, but other artists are also welcome to exhibit their works at the foundation's office, which is a most attractive venue for the appropriately themed subjects.

The Monument Foundation is open Monday through Fri-



ORANJESTAD - Aruba's Monument Foundation is now established in a stunning landmark building at Avenida Milio Croes 26, and it is only fitting their empty walls should be filled with artwork depicting some of the more important historical structures.

Island artist Franco Koolman has provided a collection of nine paintings particularly focusing on traditional island architecture, which will remain on permanent exhibit in the foundation's board room. The exposition, "Monumento Historia di Nos Futuro," is named for one of the pieces, which is a composite of Aruba's most famous landmarks.

"I became particularly interested in the buildings, and how the light plays on them at different times of the day, around three years ago," explained Koolman. The works, general, have a rather ethereal ambience, as light, from misty morning to striking sunsets, plays an important role in the paintings. He ventures into the surreal with his work "Life Without Limit."

**15 MINUTE ENGLISH LIFESTYLE & NEWS SHOW**

**ON 15ATV A LOCAL NBC LICENSEE**  
**WEEKNIGHTS 7:15 PM**





**UNICASA**  
Supermarket

**PALM BEACH # 184**  
**TEL: (297) 586-8540**

Next to  
Grand Victoria Bar & Restaurant  
Close to the traffic lights  
and high rise hotel area.

**Opening hours:**  
**Monday - Saturday 8a.m. - 12midnight / Sunday 8a.m. - 10p.m**

**WE OFFER QUALITY  
EXCELLENT SERVICE, A  
WIDE VARIETY OF  
LIQUORS AND WINES  
AND MUCH MORE**

**BEST PRICES  
ON  
THE ISLAND**



## Chemists unveil 'water-jet' printer



PARIS (AFP) - Like any ordinary printer, this machine ingests a blank page and spits it out covered in print.

But instead of ink, it uses only water, and the used paper fades back to white within a day, enabling it to be reused.

A team of chemists claims their "water-jet" technology allows each page to be reprinted dozens of times -- a money- and tree-saving option in a digital world that still relies heavily on hard copy.

The trick lies in the paper, which is treated with an invisible dye that colours when exposed to water, then disappears.

The print fades away within about 22 hours at temperatures below 35 degrees Celsius (95 deg Fahrenheit) as the water evaporates -- quicker if ex-

posed to high heat, Zhang and a team wrote in a paper describing their invention in the journal *Nature Communications*.

The print is clear, claim the designers, and the technology cheap.

"Based on 50 times of rewriting, the cost is only about one percent of the inkjet prints," Zhang said in a video on the Nature website.

Even if each page was reused only a dozen times, the cost would still be about one-seventeenth of the inkjet version.

Sean said dye-treating the paper, of the type generally used for printing, added about five percent to its price, but this is more than compensated for by the saving on ink.

Crucially, the new method

does not require a change of printer but merely replacing the ink in the cartridge with water, using a syringe.

"Water is a renewable resource and obviously poses no risk to the environment," said the study.

Previous work in the quest for a disappearing ink has tended to yield a low-contrast print, often at a high cost, and sometimes using hazardous chemicals.

Zhang and his team used a previously little-studied dye compound called oxazolidine, which yielded a clear, blue print in less than a second after water was applied.

They have managed to create four water-printed colours so far -- blue, magenta, gold and purple -- but can only print in one hue at a time, for now.

The next step is to improve both the resolution and the duration of the print.

They are also working on a machine that will heat pre-printed sheets of paper as they are fed into the machine, fading the pages instantaneously for re-printing.

At 70 C (158 F), the colour disappears within about 30 seconds.

Zhang said the dyed paper was "very safe" but toxicity tests are underway on mice to be sure.



...connecting with you  
[www.rexaruba.com](http://www.rexaruba.com)

## Android extends gains in key markets

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Android smartphone platform has extended its lead over Apple's iPhone in key markets including the United States, Europe and China, a survey showed Monday.

Windows Phone, meanwhile, has made inroads to secure a strong third place showing in some markets, and is ahead of Apple in Italy, according to the survey of fourth quarter sales released by Kantar Worldpanel.

The survey showed Android, the free operating system from Google, remained on top in Europe and most other major markets outside Japan.

Android ended 2013 as the top platform across the five major markets in Europe with 68.6 percent share, while Apple held second place with 18.5 percent.

Windows Phone showed

strong year-on-year growth, and in Italy captured 17.1 percent of the market, ahead of Apple's 12.8 percent, but behind Android's 66.2 percent, the survey showed.

In the United States, the survey showed Android share rising more than four percentage points over the past year to 50.6 percent, while Apple's share declined to 43.9 percent.

In Japan, Apple held 68.7 percent of smartphone sales, according to Kantar's survey.

In China, Android's share increased to 78.6 percent while Apple's declined to 19 percent.

"Android finished 2013 strongly, showing year-on-year share growth across 12 major global markets including Europe, USA, Latin America, China and Japan," said Kantar's Dominic Sunnebo.

## Candy Crush developer defends trademarking 'Candy'

LON-

DON (AFP) - The British videogame maker behind Candy Crush Saga, the madly addictive game played by millions of people each day, has defended its decision to trademark the word "Candy" in the European Union.

King made the move last year and has also filed for a similar trademark in the United States, to try to stop rivals cashing in on Candy Crush's success.

In an open letter published on King's website late Monday, chief executive and co-founder Riccardo Zacconi insisted the firm was not trying to control the global use of "candy".

He wrote: "We've been the subject of no little scorn for our actions on this front, but

the truth is that there is nothing very unusual about trademarking a common word for specific uses."

He cited words such as Apple, the name of the US computer giant, saying: "We are not trying to control the world's use of the word 'Candy' -- having a trade mark doesn't allow us to do that anyway. "We're just trying to prevent others from creating games that unfairly capitalise on our success."

Candy Crush records 700 million sessions a day and racks up daily sales of \$350,000 (630,000 euros), according to IDATE digital research and consultancy firm.

The game, which can be played online, on Facebook



**Extend your Stay at  
Quality Apartments**

73 Fully furnished apts. Kitchen / Airco / Cable TV  
Free Internet / Library / Swimming Pool / Laundry / Fitness Room  
Less than 1 mile from Eagle Beach! Feel free to contact or visit us.  
Mon - Fri: 8am-7pm. Sat&Sun: 9am-5pm

**Tel: (297) 582-0697 / 583-7484 Fax: 583-5203**  
E-mail: quality@setarnet.aw - Website: www.arubaqualityapartments.com

## Dutch court lifts 'ineffective' Pirate Bay ban

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch court on Tuesday lifted a ban on notorious file-sharing website The Pirate Bay that had forced two major Internet service providers to block access, calling the measure "ineffective".

The decision on appeal slapped down an original January 2011 ruling by another court ordering popular ISPs Ziggo and XS4All to deny access to The Pirate Bay site.

"Service providers Ziggo and XS4All cannot be forced to block The Pirate Bay," The Hague Appeals Court said in a statement, explaining that most web users simply dodged the blocking measures.

"The service providers' subscribers in any case mainly use proxies or resort to other torrent sites," the court added.

Ziggo and XS4All were dragged to court three years ago by the Brein Foundation, which defends copyright owners in the Netherlands.

Both service providers appealed but subscribers were blocked from accessing The Pirate Bay.

"It was clear from the start that the measures were ineffective," Ziggo spokesman Erik van Doeselaar told AFP.

XS4All added it was relieved by the appeals decision.

"We are pleased with the appeals court's decision to uphold the freedom of information and the rights of Dutch citizens," it said in a statement.

The Pirate Bay is one of the world's foremost file-sharing and download sites and has been repeatedly found guilty of copyright violations in the Netherlands and Sweden.

Although the appeals court ruled in Ziggo and XS4All's favour, it warned: "It is very important that the service providers don't themselves violate copyright restrictions."

The Brein Foundation which has to pay Ziggo and XS4All's costs of between 300,000 and 400,000 euros (\$410,000 and \$550,000), said it was considering taking the case to the country's highest court.

"The court's judgement is to the detriment of the development of the legal online market, which needs protection against illegal competition," Brein Foundation director Tim Kuik said in a statement.

"It also goes against decisions by judges in other European countries," the Brein Foundation added. The Pirate Bay has been blocked in several countries, including Britain.

Founded in 2003, The Pirate Bay -- which boasts more than 30 million users -- makes it possible to skirt copyright fees and share music, film and other files using bit torrent technology, or peer-to-peer links offered on the site.

## LatAm summit opens with moment of silence for Chavez, attack on US spying



HAVANA (AFP) - Cuban President Raul Castro Tuesday railed against US spying as he opened a summit of Latin American and Caribbean leaders, a group set up by Venezuela's late anti-Western leader Hugo Chavez to counter US influence.

The meeting -- which began with a moment of silence for the late leader -- was hosted by Chavez's closest ally, communist Cuba, in a major diplomatic coup for a country Washington has tried to isolate through a five-decade-old trade embargo.

Analysts said it sends a strong signal to the United States that the region will no longer accept Cuba's isolation -- even if US policy is unlikely to change.

Castro, trading his usual general uniform for a dark blue suit, used his opening remarks in part to fiercely criticize the vast US phone and email spying operation that has raised international consternation, especially among allies such as Mexico and Brazil included among surveillance targets.

The secretive NSA program, details of which were leaked by former US contractor Edward Snowden, "raises concerns about its potential to

cause international conflicts," Castro said, adding that the world needs to "prevent cyberspace from becoming a theater of military operations."

And he suggested the United States -- referring obliquely to "the so-called 'centers of power'" -- was not ready to give up its "control of the rich region."

The CELAC bloc of 33 Latin American and Caribbean nations was the culmination of an effort by Chavez to bring together both right-wing and leftist governments to counter the influence of the United States.

The group will declare itself "diverse but united" Wednesday, when it signs a more than 80-point statement that also hints at distancing the region from the United States, whose influence has been weakening in recent years.

The meeting in Cuba also allows leaders to make a statement about the region's commitment to Havana.

"Today, Cuba is the capital of our America," Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega said as he arrived for the meeting.

And Monday, Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff declared "Brazil wants to be a

first-order economic ally to Cuba," at a ceremony marking the opening of a major container port, partly funded by Brazil and a major outlet for an island nation excluded from US trade.

"The creation of a common political space is essential for our region," said Castro, 82, in his opening remarks at a ceremony attended by UN secretary general Ban Ki-moon and heads of state from around the region.

Communist "Cuba has never had such a strong show of support from across the region," said Arturo Lopez-Levy at the University of Denver.

However, "the United States is not going to change (its isolationist policy toward Cuba) just because a lot of regional leaders visit Havana," stressed Patricio Navia, a New York University political scientist.

The summit's "Havana Declaration" to be signed Wednesday touches on issues ranging from combatting poverty and illiteracy to disarmament.

It urges agricultural development and food security, technological and scientific cooperation, and affirms a "zone of peace" for the 600 million people across the region. It was prepared by delegates from the attending countries during diplomatic wrangling since the weekend.

Today's session will also offer the first opportunity for Peru leader Ollanta Humala and Chile leader Sebastian Pinera, to meet after the UN's top court ruled in Lima's favor in a maritime border dispute.

Daily Exchange Rates				
Current as of:	Currency Code	Buying rate banknotes	Buying Cheques	Selling Rate
01/28/2014				
U.S.A.	USD	1.77	1.78	1.80
Dutch Antilles	ANG	98.00	100.00	100.20
Canada	CAD	1.77	1.79	1.82
Britain	GBP	2.80	2.85	3.00
Switzerland	CHF	191.71	192.43	199.39
Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	245.54
Sweden	SEK	25.91	26.63	28.11
Denmark	DKK	30.23	30.95	33.14
Norway	NOK	30.67	31.39	29.47
Japan	JPY	214.88	216.84	174.62
(per 10,000)				
All rates for amounts up to AWG 100,00 per item.				

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

PETE TBA  
ALEX CHIRPS  
USNA HUBCAP  
LATCHED APR  
TET DEA  
OSCAR EMERY  
AAA ODE  
SIR ATTRACT  
INVENT LULU  
STEREO ITON  
SAW NOTE

**FOR RENT**

**2 Bedroom, 1 bathroom**  
**Mabon Kavel - Brazil**  
**Afls. 1000.-**  
**Cel. 5649485**



## COMICS

## PICKLES



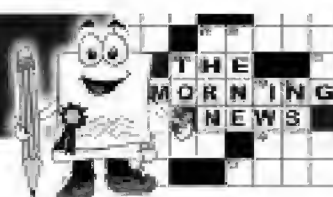
## MOMMA



## CALVIN and HOBBS



## CROSSWORD



## CROSSWORD

see our website:  
www.themorningnewsaruba.com

## ACROSS

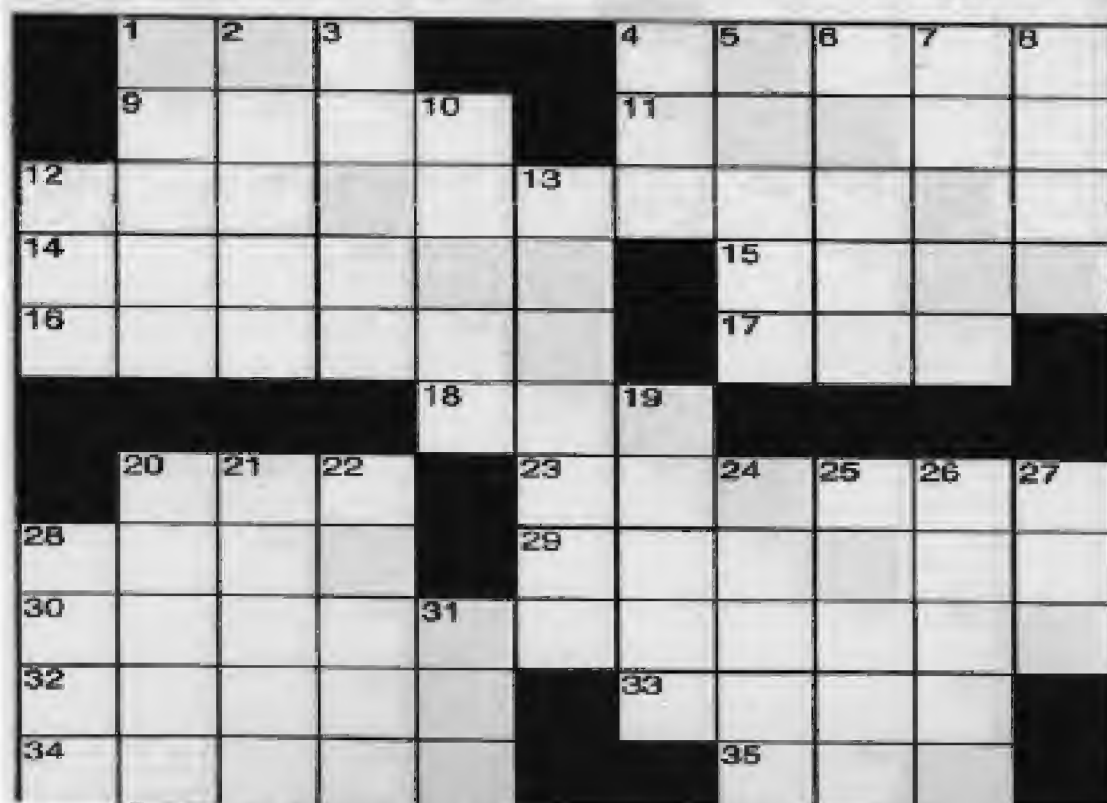
- 1 Strike caller  
4 Wading bird  
9 Apply a mudpack  
11 Biblical tower  
12 "Little black" item (2 wds.)  
14 Substitute ruler  
15 Soft rolls  
16 Mediter-  
ranean country  
17 "\_\_\_ My Party"  
18 Time units (abbr.)  
20 Take it on the \_\_\_ (flee)  
23 Just \_\_\_ (prepared one's phrase, 2 wds.)  
28 Army officer  
29 Penny

- shoe  
30 Pie fillers  
32 Crafter's wood  
33 Legal wrong  
34 Performed  
35 Feline zodiac sign

## DOWN

- 1 Cow part  
2 Madonna's nickname  
3 Mixer setting  
4 NBC's rival  
5 Jewish

- clergyman  
6 Regarding  
7 Bar window lights  
8 Caribous' kin  
10 Baseball's Johnny \_\_\_  
12 Buenos Aires's country (abbr.)  
13 Free of germs  
19 Racehorse sound  
20 Lavender shrub  
21 Of legal age  
22 Ed of the Reagan administration  
24 Entertainer Channing  
25 Ablaze  
26 Look after (2 wds.)  
27 Hesitation sounds  
28 Swedish pop group  
31 Harmful



# BOTICA

## DRUG STORES OPEN AFTER HOURS

Jan. 25 - Febr. 01

O'stad : ' Botica Sta. Anna ' - S.N: ' 4-Centro Medico '

Center for Hemodialysis  
Posada Clinic Aruba  
Tel.580-2840/Pager 127-2446

INFORMATION  
Telephone 118

Twelve Step Meetings  
24 hours helpline 583-8989

Fellowship Clinic S.N.  
Free treatment of  
Alcoholism  
and Drug Addiction  
Anonymity guaranteed  
Tel. 584-5440

SOS TELEAYUDO SOS  
Telephone Helpline  
583-1190  
Mon.-Thu. 9 p.m.-12 midn.  
Fri.-Sun. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

CAS MARIE  
Alzheimer's Day  
Care Center  
Tel: 5896910

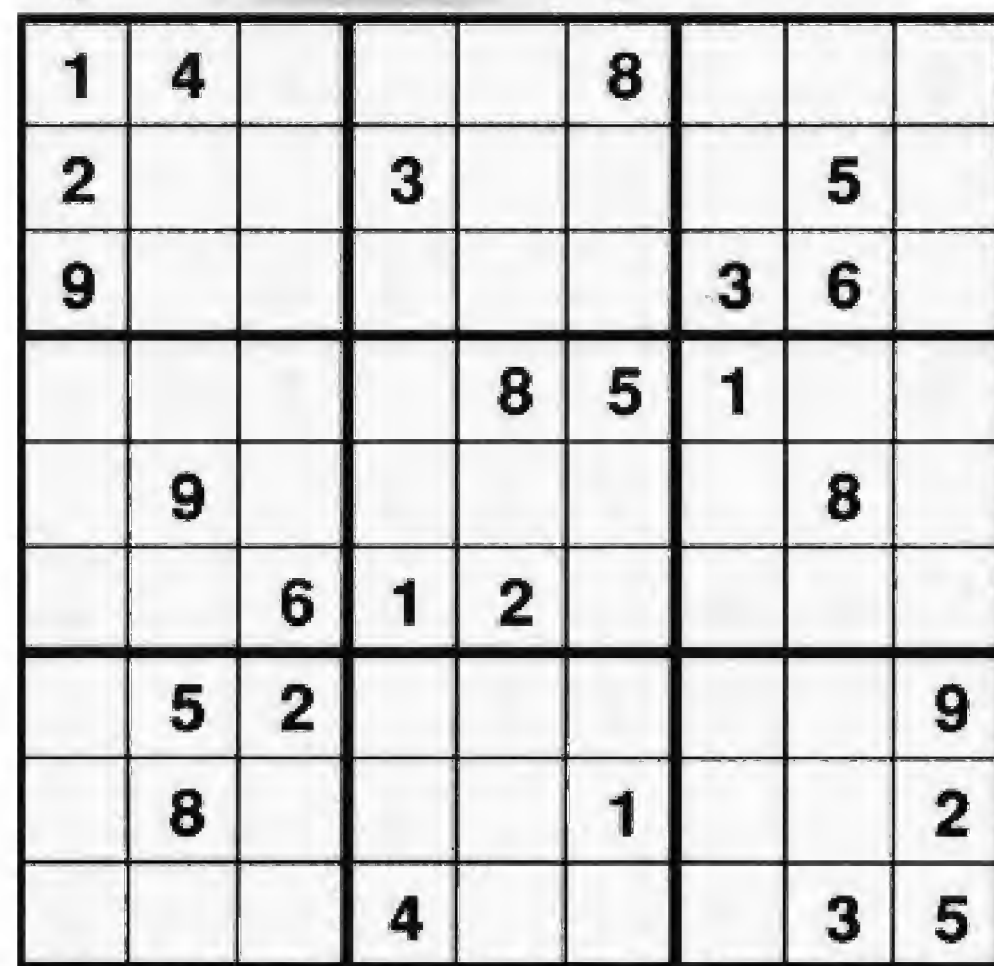
Important  
Telephone  
Numbers

HOSPITAL  
Horacio Oduber Hospital  
Tel.5274000  
EMERGENCY  
Telephone 911  
POLICE HDQS  
Telephone 100

TAXI  
C.V. TAS  
587-1998, 587-5900  
In Oranjestad:  
Tel. 582-2116, 582-1604  
582-5447  
In San Nicolas  
Tel. 584-5160, 584-6602  
professional taxi services  
Tel. 588-0035

AI Anon Meetings  
Mondays 6-7pm  
Sabana Liber 8 in Noord  
Tel: 5873356 / 5838989

# Sudoku



SOLUTION

9	6	8	2	4	5	1	3	7
2	7	9	1	5	8	4	6	3
6	1	4	9	6	8	2	5	7
7	2	9	8	2	1	9	3	8
8	8	2	2	7	1	6	5	3
5	6	1	9	8	9	7	2	4
9	9	6	7	1	2	8	4	5
1	5	7	4	6	3	8	9	2
4	2	8	8	9	5	6	1	7

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the ac-



tion, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

## Discover authentic Aruban cuisine at The Queen's



Mama Luisa hard at work in the kitchen

Enjoy a true taste of Aruba without having to travel in the charming surroundings of The Queen's Restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. Your host, Varela Innocencia has brought her very popular Oranjestad eatery to Palm Beach, showcasing authentic local cuisine only a short walk away from the major resorts.

The "hipper" and elegant new digs offer beautiful views, but Mama Luisa's magical touch in the kitchen is what first won this charming eatery

their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations. As Varela says, "My mom loves and lives to cook. Even when she is not at work in the restaurant, she is experimenting with new dishes all day at home."

She is the Queen of the Kitchen."

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef

Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and

creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to go, reasonably priced and easily accessible. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

Aside from an extensive regular menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season, and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining. telf. 5860606.



**EXPLORE THE ISLANDS**

**BONAIRE**  
EXPLORE THE FLAMINGO ISLAND, ITS UNDER WATER MARINE LIFE & CATCH A TECHNICOLOR SUNSET

**CURACAO**  
SPEND A DAY SIGHTSEEING AND VISIT THE HISTORIC SITES AND LOCAL CULTURE

**Aruba** **Curacao** **Bonaire**

tel: (297) 528 4272 / (297) 594 9066  
Pick up your brochure at the stand  
[www.tiara-air.com](http://www.tiara-air.com)

*Tiara Air Aruba*

## NFL: Super Bowl players tested with Media Day madness

NEWARK (AFP) - Super Bowl players from the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks answered thousands of questions Tuesday at Media Day, a chaotic question-and-answer session where the outrageous becomes commonplace.

What began years ago as a day for Super Bowl team photographs to be taken has evolved into a ticketed event for fans five days before Sunday's big game as well as a television show for the NFL Network and a place where over-the-top costumes and questioners beg for the cameras' attention.

The event was moved from its typical venue at the Super Bowl stadium to make certain weather would not be a factor since it will be the first Super Bowl staged in a cold-weather outdoor venue.

So at the home arena of ice hockey's New Jersey Devils, fans paid \$25 for tickets -- and \$40 to park -- to watch interviews, each person getting a small plastic radio receiver allowing them to tune in to short-wave broadcasts of some of the comments from the arena floor.

Some players are on microphoned podiums but many are not, often forcing reporters to cram against one another to get within reach to ask questions or hear responses.

And then there are the unique inquirers, the one dressed as a caped superhero for a children's network or the one whose key question is "What do you have to say to your fans in Mexico?"

"This atmosphere is crazy," said Denver running back Knowshon Moreno. "There are so many media members around. It's just really cool to be a part of this. You don't want to take anything for granted. You want to kind of relish this moment, be happy you are here, but at the same time you want to come out with a big win."

Cheerleaders from NFL teams posed with television personalities from stations around the United States.

Players often strategically dropped a sponsor-logo towel over the number on their team jacket to make it harder for them to be recognized by those unfamiliar with their faces.

The child who will run the tee for kickers onto the field asked for advice from Seattle coach Pete Carroll, who said he should try his best and have confidence.



LONDON (AFP) - English Premier League side Newcastle United looked set to complete the loan signing of Dutch international striker Luuk de Jong from Bundesliga outfit Borussia Moenchengladbach on Tuesday. The 23-year-old -- who has scored one goal in his seven international appearances -- was due to undergo a medical and temporarily end a disappointing spell in the Bundesliga. De Jong, who was born in Switzerland to Dutch parents, is the younger brother of Ajax captain Siem de Jong. He has scored just six times for 'Gladbach since signing from Dutch side Twente two years ago for a reported £12.6 million (\$20.8million). De Jong, a prolific goalscorer for Twente, where he netted 45 times in 86 appearances, could make his debut against relegation-threatened Sunderland in the north-east derby on Saturday.



LONDON (AFP) - Crystal Palace boosted their bid to avoid relegation from the Premier League as Jason Puncheon's goal clinched a 1-0 win over Hull on Tuesday. Palace have steadily improved since Tony Pulis replaced Ian Holloway as manager in November and Puncheon's first half winner at Selhurst Park moved the hosts five points clear of the bottom three. The Eagles' second successive victory also atoned for a disappointing FA Cup fourth round exit at Championship side Wigan on Saturday. It was a frustrating evening for Hull, who finished with 10 men after goalkeeper Allan McGregor was sent off in the final moments. Irish striker Shane Long, who joined Hull from West Bromwich Albion earlier this month, formed a new-look £14 million strike-force with fellow January signing Nikica Jelavic, who recently arrived from Everton.



SCHLADMING (AFP) - Young Norwegian skier Henrik Kristoffersen won his first ever World Cup race on Tuesday, taking the last slalom before next month's Winter Olympics. The 19-year-old -- who had three podium finishes to his name this season prior to Tuesday's race in Schladming -- edged out Austrian Marcel Hirscher by 18 hundredths of a second while German Felix Neureuther was third another hundredth of a second slower. Kristoffersen's achievement was all the greater as Hirscher and Neureuther took world gold and silver respectively on the same course a year ago. Kristoffersen rose to joint second in the slalom standings which sees him and Neureuther trail Hirscher by 50 points. The Winter Olympics get underway in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi on February 7.



LONDON (AFP) - Leicester kept their bid for promotion to the Premier League firmly on track with a record-breaking 2-1 win against Birmingham on Tuesday. Nigel Pearson's side remain eight points clear at the top of the Championship thanks to goals from Lloyd Dyer and Jamie Vardy at St Andrews. Those goals were enough to secure Leicester's eighth successive win and also their fourth away victory on the trot, with both achievements setting new club records. Second placed QPR hold the other automatic promotion berth after a 2-1 win over Bolton at Loftus Road. Elsewhere, Leeds drew 1-1 with Ipswich, Barnsley drew 2-2 against Blackburn and Middlesbrough shared a goalless draw with Wigan.





The Most Beautiful Condominiums in Aruba with a perfect location

**CASH DEAL PRICE 2 BED & 2 BATH FROM \$222,600.00**

Visit our model suites open **MONDAY** till **FRIDAY 8:30 - 5:30 / SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 10:00 - 2:00**

Phone: 586.9696 - email: [info@aquaruba.com](mailto:info@aquaruba.com) / [www.aquaruba.com](http://www.aquaruba.com)

## **NFL: 'Coldest Super Bowl'** **no worry for Seahawks, Broncos**

NEW YORK (AFP) - Forecasters predict the coldest Super Bowl and a chance of rain or even snow at next Sunday's National Football League title showdown, but players say they don't fear sub-freezing conditions.

The Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks arrived Sunday in suburban New York for Super Bowl 48, what will be the first outdoor cold-weather clash in the NFL Super Bowl era that began in 1967.

"We're not really concerned," said Denver safety David Bruton. "We have played numerous cold games."

"I've had my share of cold. So I'm just slapping on the Warm Skin (lotion) and Vaseline -- something to act as an insulator -- and go out there and play. I'll wear thicker gloves, but that's about it."

The coldest Super Bowl was played in 39 degrees Fahrenheit (four degrees Celsius) at New Orleans in 1972, but next Sunday's high is only set to reach 37 and is likelier to be near the projected low of 27 for the night-time kickoff, with



a 30 percent chance of rain or snow.

Super Bowls have been typically staged in palm-tree climates such as Miami or San Diego, or in domed stadiums when northern cities such as Indianapolis, Minneapolis or Detroit have hosted.

"You can't let the weather play a part in executing the game plan," Bruton said. "We're just going to have to go out there and execute no matter how cold it is."

"It could be 10 below (zero), 20 below, you know. It's the Super Bowl. It's going to be

rocking. Nobody's going to really care."

The Seahawks have tried to stress they will do the same things that put them in the Super Bowl no matter the distractions.

"Our mentality is strong," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said. "We know how to play in games like this."

NFL team owners voted in 2010 to have the game played in New York, with one notion being that a successful Big Apple appearance could open doors for future cold weather Super Bowls.

Rocky Mountain chills are common for the Broncos in the winter months.

"We're definitely weather-proof," said Broncos tackle Orlando Franklin. "We live in a cold city. We definitely are used to a lot of different things."

Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning is confident because the team has played and worked out in the cold for weeks, even though wind and snow could play havoc with Denver's record-setting precision passing attack.

"We've practiced in this and had to play in these types of conditions at different points in the year," Manning said. "Any time you have a similar situation you can simulate during practice, it's always a good thing."

NFL championship games were often played in cold weather before the Super Bowl era and some epic moments ensued.

A frozen field for the 1934 title game in New York prompted the host Giants to don sneakers instead of cleats

in the final minutes and they rallied with 27 points to beat Chicago.

A blizzard hit the 1948 final at Philadelphia, when the host Eagles beat the then-Chicago Cardinals 7-0.

To reach Super Bowl 2, the Green Bay Packers beat visiting Dallas in a 1967 game known as the "Ice Bowl" for being played in minus 13 F (-25 C) on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field.

"This year is probably going to be one of the coldest games and we're ready for it," Denver linebacker Lesley Woodyard said. "You just have to block it out and be into the moment."

For some, the chance to win a Super Bowl matters more than the temperature. Denver cornerback Champ Bailey has played 15 seasons to reach his first Super Bowl. He's ready for the chill.

"We would love to play in 70-degree weather but if you tell me it's 20 degrees and I'm playing in the Super Bowl, I'm taking it," he said. "Once you're out there, you just deal with it. Everybody has to deal with it."